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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Dennis J. May

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PACKAGING MACHINE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Background of the Invention:

Please add the previously omitted priority claim as paragraph one beginning at page 2:

-- This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/478,077,
filed June 12, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. --

Remarks begin on page 2.